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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) | | Docket No. 522281-0322914(RID0022) |
| Applicant(s): RUSSELL C. IDE ET AL. | | |

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| Application No. 10/786,127 | Filing Date 02/26/2004 | Examiner NGUYEN, NINH H. | Custodian 00909 | Group Art Unit 3745 | Confirmation No. 1869 |
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Invention: **HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING RUNNER FOR USE IN TILTING PAD THRUST BEARING ASSEMBLIES FOR ELECTRIC SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

RUSSELL C. IDE ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/786,127

Filed: FEBRUARY 26, 2004

For: HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING
RUNNER FOR USE IN TILTING
PAD THRUST BEARING
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Art Unit: 3745

Examiner: NGUYEN, NINH H.

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

No extension of time fees are believed to be due as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 03-3975.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks: begin on page 10 of this paper.